

MINUTES OF MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting was held by City Council on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. over which Mayor Bobby L. Davis presided. Council members Michael Baker, Ralph Atkinson, Ronald Atkinson, Odessa Gregg, and Joseph Frazier were present. Emerson Hunt was not present. Also present were City Administrator Alan Ammons, City Treasurer Patricia Brown City Clerk Pam Jones and Attorney Newborn.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Gregg gave the opening prayer. Mr. Ammons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Davis welcomed citizens, guests and the press. (Hometown TV).

Councilman Joseph Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 13, 2015, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker; motion carried.

Tiffany Donnelly of the Sanitation Department was named *October Employee of the Month* and presented with a gift certificate. Mayor Davis thanked Ms. Donnelly for a job well done.

Mayor Davis presented the Azalea Garden Club the Mayor's Monthly Beautification award for October. He thanked them for all the hard work they do to keep Marion beautiful. The members of the Azalea Garden Club thanked the Mayor for this award.

At the request of Mayor Davis, City Clerk Pam Jones read the resolution being presented the Azalea Garden Club in tribute to their 65 Years of Service to the City of Marion. Mayor Davis offered his congratulations to the members of the Azalea Garden Club and thanked them for their help in making Marion a beautiful town.

Mr. Ammons stated that on the re-bidding of the driveway replacement project, we received two bids. Councilman Ralph Atkinson made a motion to accept the low bid of \$9.48/sq. ft. from Herrington Construction, seconded by Councilman Michael Baker; motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ammons stated that there would be a meeting with FEMA for residents to talk with them regarding assistance for damages from the flooding. It will be held on either November 23rd or 24th at C. D. Joyner and he will notify Council when the date is confirmed. Mr. Ammons commented that there are numerous events slated for December and has given Council flyers for the events. Mr. Ammons has received several complaints about mosquitos and spraying began last week. Mayor Davis stated that he was glad that we did not have many residents that had to seek help from FEMA and that believes that God has truly blessed our City.

CITY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE

The City Attorney had no update at this time.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Davis commented that all departmental reports were sent to Council in their packets. Chief Tennie commented that the MPD had taken sensitivity training to help bridge the gap between MPD and our citizens and that the residents in Marion were now more diverse. Ms. Dolly Boyer thanked Mayor Davis, Chief Tennie and Captain Barr for their continual support. We are trying to get others involved in a neighborhood watch for their area. Mrs. Mary Eaddy commented that the Citizens Advisory Committee meetings have resumed. No other committees had anything to report at this time.

DISTRICTS AND CITY UPDATE FROM COUNCIL AND MAYOR

Councilwoman Odessa Gregg thanked Chief Tennie and the MPD for checking on her neighbor. The responding officer was very courteous and understanding. Mrs. Gregg thanked the MPD for being concerned about our citizens and for doing an excellent job.

Councilman Ralph Atkinson had no comment at this time.

Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson thanked GSWAS and our City employees for their great job during the storm.

Councilman Joseph Frazier had no comment at this time.

Councilman Michael Baker had no comment at this time.

Mayor Bobby L. Davis commented that we were prepared for the storm due to the Street and Sanitation Departments clearing out the storm drains, which helped prevent flooding in most areas. It appears that a concrete truck dumped out their truck into a storm drain on Georgetown Street. The concrete was broken up and cleaned out and we have had no more problems. Mayor Davis thanked the staff, the Sanitation and Street departments, and everyone who worked so hard. Mayor Davis also thanked those who prayed for our great City and will continue to ask for God's blessing on our City. If anyone has a problem with this, they should feel free to discuss it with Mayor Davis.

The 3rd Annual Veteran's Day Celebration was held on November 6 and we are pleased at the success of the event. . Mayor Davis thanked those who served and recognized the veterans from each war/conflict. Those in attendance were entertained with several musical performances from the Marion County School of Music, Rev. Larry Williams and the Christian Jubilees, and Kristen Graves. Senator Kent Williams and Representative Wayne George made remarks. County and City Councils were represented. The Veterans received gift bags from Rev. Larry Williams and also backpacks from the City of Marion. On behalf of the City of Marion, Mayor Davis thanked all veterans for their service.

Mayor Davis commented that he attended, and was impressed, with his first MASC Board Meeting. Mayor Davis thanked Mr. Harold Coleman and his crew at SCDOT in Marion County for what they do to try and assist us with our streets and roads. Mayor Davis attended an MASC advanced class on finance and budgeting and found this class very helpful.

Mayor Davis hopes that our citizens will get on board with the Historic Marion Awakened group, headed by Mrs. Patricia Atkins and Mr. Al Blake. They have numerous ideas to help this City move forward in a positive way and to help our City thrive now and for years to come.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Joseph Frazier made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Legal Advice on Pending Lawsuits and Contractual Matter with Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Ronald Atkinson and carried. Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Davis stated that no action was taken. Councilman Michael Baker made a motion enter open session, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Michael Baker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Joseph Frazier; motion carried.

Mayor Bobby L. Davis

City Clerk Pam Jones

Taped: November 10, 2015